

Cooperative Mexican fruit fly Eradication Project

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Survey

1 Mexican fruit fly was confirmed today near a previous fly find site. Survey personnel have now confirmed a total of 46 adult flies at 15 sites and 2 larval sites to date. All of these detections are within 2 and ½ miles of each other, northwest of Valley Center.

Regulatory

Officials are evaluating trapping data prior to setting the boundaries of a regulated area. There is no quarantine currently in effect. Hold notices have been placed on properties where adult flies or larvae have been found to prevent the spread of the pest.

Treatment

No treatment activities were conducted today and none are planned for tomorrow.

Phonebank

Residents with questions may call 800-491-1899. The hotline is staffed from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday through Friday.

Meetings/Other

Growers, packers, shippers and others with questions about regulatory requirements may get information or sign compliance agreements to facilitate crop movement at the Valley Center Community Center, 28246 Lilac Road in Valley Center between 8:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday (11/26 & 11/27)